

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus to inhibit or unlock functions of a device using predefined inhibit rules. The inhibit rules are transmitted to the device to be access limited by an authorized mobile remote control means. To define the inhibit rules a markup language content server may be included in the controlled device and a corresponding client may be included in the mobile remote control means which communicates via a wireless interface with the device to be controlled. Preferably a low power radio frequency interface is employed. The inhibit rule comprises different sub-rules like an account of a period of time, cost account, access time limitation, number of the accesses or the like. Modifying access to the inhibit rules can be limited to authorized control devices by way of Bluetooth link keys and passkeys.